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Care contractor struggles to cope with providing adequate antenatal checks

# 'THEY MUST DO BETTER!'

by Piers Meyler

BBC local democracy reporter

HEALTH visitors responsible for the wellbeing of thousands of newborn babies are being "driven to despair" under the weight of a new private contract with Essex County Council, according to a councillor who says parents are being failed.

The figures released by Virgin Care, which along with Barnardo's has been contracted to run the Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS) across the county under a seven-year, £250million contract, include a low number of antenatal checks carried out after 28-week pregnancy.

As of June 2018, 64 per cent were carried out against a target of 80 per cent while at June 2018, 98 per cent of new mothers were visited within 14 days against a 96 per cent target, it had been missing this target until recently.

The inconsistencies have concerned Labour Cllr Dave Harris, who represents the Maypole ward on the county council and serves as vice-chairman of the health overview policy and scrutiny committee.

He says staff are being asked to do too much.

Cllr Harris said: "These contracts should have KPI as a bare minimum and overachieve on those at all times and if we are not doing that, then we are letting the public down.

"When these contracts come in, they bid for them on the



TARGET: Virgin Care blames low staffing levels

understanding they can do all these things and the worry is they cut themselves too close to the bone and expect the staff and resources to last the distance and clearly they can't do it.

"Guess who's the loser? The people who we should be delivering the service to."

Virgin Care has admitted that low staffing figures are responsible for it undertaking just 81 per cent of one-year reviews against a target of 90 per cent.

It is also failing to hit the target for children's check at between two and two and a half years old.

Cllr Harris added: "We are not getting value for money. There are people being let down— what about the people they are not seeing?"

"What about the risks?"

"That is why the KPIs are set as they are – to protect people and

provide the right service to the right people. They must do better."

Virgin Care has admitted a number of concerns have been raised by staff – including the number of school nurses and health visitors allocated to specific areas.

The council heard that health visitor vacancies in Basildon and Epping are affecting the service's ability to meet local need.

Cllr Harris added: "They can't expect staff to perform to the volume and quality they want because the contract doesn't pay them to do that.

"I hear they are losing staff here there and everywhere. And we know what happens when you have a high turnover of staff – the training, coaching and quality goes down."

Virgin Care say its poor antenatal check outcomes was because the previous providers only undertook antenatal checks on targeted

families and acute hospitals have not always notified the ECFWS of verified pregnancies.

Dr Vivienne McVey, chief strategy officer for Virgin Care, told the county council: "The biggest part of the transformation was inspiring everyone around the vision, bringing people to form integrated teams so they all understood what we were doing.

"We have mixed Virgin Care and Barnardo's teams who now understand what their role is in providing services for young people children and their families.

"That has been a massive cultural shift as well as an organisational development project.

"Obviously along the way there have been some people who have not liked the fact they have been asked to make changes to the way they worked, changes to the place they work, changes to the model they were working in.

"But now we are in a place where all of the workforce are focused on what we are trying to do and understand what we are doing.

"The workforce transformation has been huge and understandably during the first year, there was a very slight reduction in recording of activity because people were changing where they worked, the system they were working in and learning new ways of doing things.

"But all the major recording measures have not been dramatically impacted by that level of transformation and we are now starting to see improvement."

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# Record-breaking number of visitors flock to the pier

by Michael Cox

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A SENIOR Southend councillor is aiming for one million visitors to the town's pier after revealing record numbers for three successive months.

James Courtenay, deputy leader, made the target after saying that figures for May, June and July were record-breakers.

Last month there was an increase of almost 20 per cent over the same period in 2017, with more than 57,000 people visiting the pier compared to just under 48,300 last year.

Visitor numbers in May were also significantly higher, up 14,000 on 2017 while there was a smaller rise in June.

Cllr Courtenay said: "We anticipate this year to be a record-breaking one for Southend Pier. The pier has been instrumental in bringing visitors to our town and the figures really do back that up."

The executive councillor for growth said he felt the one million target was a "long-term aspiration".

He said that improvements to attractions at the end of the pier, including crazy golf, had contributed to the rise in visitor numbers.

Cllr Courtenay added: "We've had some good weather too, but having a wide range of activities that all the family can partake in down the end of the pier adds to the traditional offering of the RNLI museum and ice-cream or stick of rock."

When quizzed on how the council intends to increase visitor numbers further, he cited work beginning in the autumn on the expansion of the entrance on the west side of the pier.

In the long term, he said, the council will look to publish designs for a new visitor pavilion on the former bowling deck.

Cllr Courtenay added: "As a seaside town, we thrive in the summer months with hundreds of thousands of visitors flocking to our seafront every year to enjoy some relaxing time on the beach, or to escape the hustle and bustle of busy city life."

"Southend has something to offer for everyone and we look forward to welcoming more visitors over the summer."



ONE MILLION TARGET: Cllr James Courtenay at Southend Pier

Photo: Martin Dalton

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Doctor cleared of sex charges

A LEIGH doctor has been cleared of sexual assault charges.

Dr Kamran Ali, 39, of Glendale Gardens, was found not guilty by a jury at Basildon Crown Court last week of six counts of sexual assault and one count of sexual assault by penetration.

The charges related to four women and the offences had allegedly taken place between September and November 2016.

Dr Ali also denied a charge of making an indecent photograph of a child and one of possessing an extreme pornographic image portraying a sex act with an animal – the court said these will be discussed on August 16.

### College search

A COLLEGE for people with mental health conditions in Southend and Castle Point is hoping to find a permanent long-term location.

Recovery Empowerment Achievement Community Hope (REACH) is a group who provide educational services for individuals in Southend and Castle Point.

The events are held at different locations and a Southend Council spokesman said the college is looking to set up a longer term offer.

The council, in partnership with Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Castle Point and Rochford CCG, has launched a survey to research the views of students and stakeholders on the plans.

The surveys, which have a deadline of September 7, are at [www.southend.gov.uk/reachstudentsurvey](http://www.southend.gov.uk/reachstudentsurvey) and [www.southend.gov.uk/reachstakeholdersurvey](http://www.southend.gov.uk/reachstakeholdersurvey).

## Dazzling street art

STREET art has been produced across Southend town centre as part of a festival.

Paint Jam and Chalk Fest took place during The Southend Festival.

The former was from July 30 to August 3, with street and graffiti artists from Britain and Europe creating a variety of stunning pieces.

One of these was an idealised portrait of a woman by Mr Cenx, who created the massive artwork next to That's Bizarre, a shop on Queens Road.

Southend artist Scotty B also painted murals in Elmer Approach and under the railway bridge on High Street.

Chalk Fest took place on July 31, when hundreds of children joined John Bulley to

create an enormous chalk artwork outside the Victoria Shopping Centre. Art is also displayed in locations along High Street as part of the festival's art trail.

The festival was arranged by Southend Business Improvement District (BID) and its manager Alison Dewey said: "The aim of the festival is to raise the profile of Southend's cultural offer, both on a regional and national level, whilst also establishing an exciting and dynamic platform for the brilliant, creative people we have living and working in and around Southend."

The art trail runs until August 15 and for more information, go to [www.visitsouthend.co.uk](http://www.visitsouthend.co.uk).



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# Cervical cancer test samples under review

by Piers Meyler

BBC local democracy reporter

SAMPLES from more than 2,000 cervical cancer tests are being reviewed after a number of irregularities were found in their initial screening procedure.

Following concerns raised by Public Health England during its visit to Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Cervical Screening Programme and the Pathology First laboratory, NHS England carried out a comprehensive investigation into the testing procedure.

Of the 2,500 women who had smears taken over the past two years, 31 received a change in their result from normal to abnormal, following a re-examination of those samples.

All affected women have been contacted and appropriate follow-up management has been offered.

No one has received a diagnosis of cervical cancer to date.

Examiners were unable to make an adequate judgement on samples from 95 women, therefore the women are being invited back for a repeat test to obtain a satisfactory sample that will be examined.

As a result of the outcome of this review, PHE Screening Quality Assurance Service made the recommendation that the remaining 2,023 samples from women aged between 25 and 29 should be



### REVIEW: A number of test samples are being re-examined

re-examined.

This is because these women had never been screened before and younger women are at higher risk of having a cervical abnormality.

The incident panel is now implementing this recommendation and any women needing further investigation will be notified and appropriate management arranged.

Any affected women can call 01268 524900 ext 3026 for further advice and information.

All women are strongly advised to attend their routine cervical screening

appointments as normal when they receive their invitation.

Pam Hall, screening and immunisation lead and incident panel chairwoman for NHS England Midlands and East, said: "We have now contacted all women whose test results may have changed and are contacting those who need to be re-screened offering appropriate follow-up advice and information."

"We are closely monitoring Pathology First to ensure the necessary improvements are made to provide a high-quality service, now and in the future for the women in south Essex."

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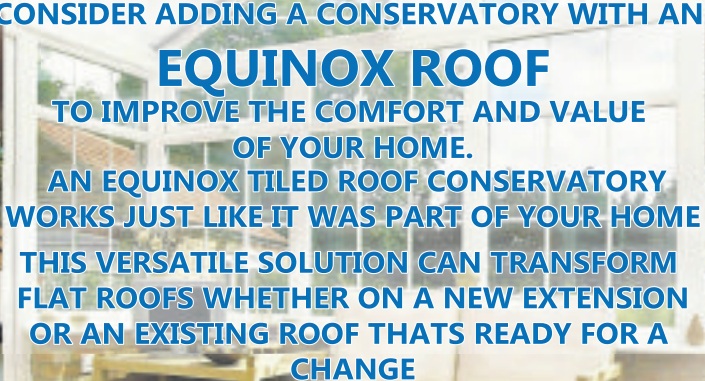
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# Rail users face autumn delays



**DISRUPTION:** Rail replacement bus services will run at weekends in October and November

PASSENGERS on the Southend Victoria branch line are set to be subjected to months of further rail closures as part of major engineering work.

Network Rail announced the next part of a £46million project to replace overhead wiring, which will see 19km of new wires installed between Mountnessing and Wickford.

The work means a rail replacement bus service runs between Southend Victoria and Shenfield at weekends in September and October.

The rail infrastructure operator said midweek night closures between Wickford and Southend will continue until November 29 to "speed up" the programme's completion.

Meliha Duymaz, Network Rail's route managing director for Anglia, said: "This line is in vital need of upgrading in order to run a reliable service now and in the future."

"We will be working week nights and at weekends throughout autumn in order to complete the programme as quickly as possible."

The work comes ahead of Abellio Greater Anglia, which operates services on the line, introducing a fleet of new trains in 2020.

Jamie Burles, Greater Anglia managing director, said: "We apologise to customers for the disruption this engineering works causes."

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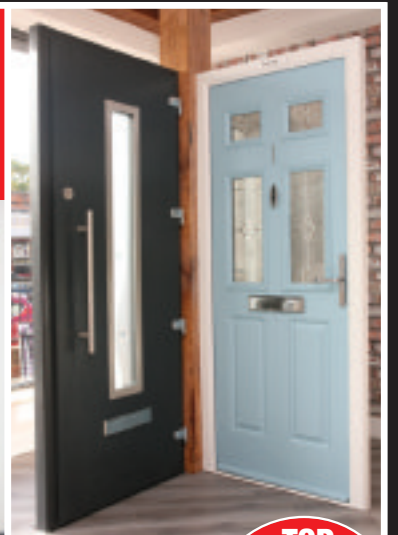
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# Jailed for axe attack and armed robbery

A "DANGEROUS individual" who attacked another man with an axe in Southend and committed an armed robbery with a knife on the same day has been jailed.

Jamie Sheffield, 34, of York Road, Southend, was sentenced to a total of eight years in prison after admitting grievous bodily harm and robbery at Basildon Crown Court last Thursday.

He received four years imprisonment for each charge, to run consecutively.

On Saturday, February 3, a man was attacked inside a property in Princes Street by Sheffield at around 1.10am.

The man was struck in the hand, head, chest and knee with an axe, and suffered serious injuries.

He managed to escape, flag down a passing police officer



**EIGHT YEARS: Jamie Sheffield**

and was taken to hospital for treatment to his injuries.

Later that day, Sheffield walked into Savers in Hamlet

Court Road, Westcliff, at 2pm and threatened staff and customers with a knife.

He left with a three-figure sum of cash before being arrested the following morning.

Investigating officer DC Simon Laurie, of Southend CID, said: "Sheffield carried out a targeted attack on the victim in his own home."

"He inflicted serious wounds using a dangerous weapon and even filmed the aftermath of the attack."

"Within the same day, he carried out a brazen robbery in a shop full of customers and staff while armed with a knife."

"Sheffield is a dangerous individual who has now been sent to prison for many years."

Kerry Brown, 32, of Preston Road, Westcliff, was found not guilty of grievous bodily harm.

## Shoeburyness drug driver banned

A MAN has been sentenced after admitting to drug driving in Shoeburyness.

Officers from the South Operation Raptor team were patrolling in the town on May 23 when they stopped a BMW which was believed to be involved in the supply of drugs.

When they approached the car, the driver, 25-year-old Steven McAllister, smelt of cannabis and admitted he had no insurance.

McAllister was also found to be driving with an expired provisional driving licence.

He was arrested and taken into custody where

he tested positive for traces of cannabis and cocaine.

He was charged and pleaded guilty at Southend Magistrates' Court last Wednesday to two counts of driving whilst under the influence of a controlled drug; driving a motor vehicle without insurance and driving other than in accordance with a licence.

McAllister, of Saxon Gardens, Shoeburyness was ordered to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work, banned from driving for 36 months and ordered to pay £85 costs.



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# Let your dogs take a lead role at hospice

PATIENTS at a hospice in Thundersley were visited by puppies as a charity appeals for more pets as therapy dogs.

Little Havens Hospice opened its doors to eight malamute puppies last Wednesday.

The seven-week-old puppies were cuddled by families, staff and children including Sadie Ford, 13, who was on her last day at the hospice.

Sadie, who is now well enough to not need hospice care, liked spending time with the charity's pets as therapy dog Ben in her time at the hospice.

The charity is appealing for people to volunteer their dogs as PAT dogs in addition to Ben.

Care Team lead Mandy Myers said: "We all had a lovely time meeting the puppies, they were incredibly sweet and very calm – it was fantastic to see the boost in mood in the children, their families and staff after they'd spent time cuddling and playing with them."

"All of our hospice services focus on the individual needs of the child or patient we're caring for and we have seen how important PAT dogs are for the care of some of our patients – we currently have one PAT dog, Ben, who is an absolute superstar, but it would be lovely to have a few different PAT dogs that could spend time with us across the hospice services."

To find out how your dog can volunteer as a PAT dog, visit [https://www.havenshospices.org.uk/docs/default-source/Documents/Volunteering/volunteer-pets-as-therapy-\(pat\).pdf](https://www.havenshospices.org.uk/docs/default-source/Documents/Volunteering/volunteer-pets-as-therapy-(pat).pdf) or contact volunteer services on 01702 426237.



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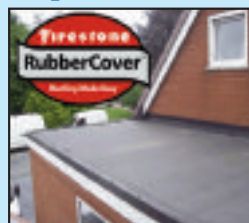
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## Benefits of a Europe-free Britain

OH DEAR, Mr Martin (*YA Letters*, August 3), you are taking it far too seriously. Please calm down or you will have a heart attack and never see the benefits of a free Britain and the joy it will bring to the majority that sensibly voted to leave Europe.

The more I read about Brexit the brighter our future looks. I do feel, Mr Martin, that you have a one-track mind and have not given any consideration to the benefits of leaving the EU.

We will of course not have to pay billions of pounds for membership of a failing club run by dictators. We can control emigration to prevent those that wish to trade in drugs and carry out other illegal and immoral activities and at the same time welcome those that will be good citizens and benefit our services and economic growth.

Trade with Europe will continue and good deals made to the advantage of both of us because both sides want that.

We have nations outside of Europe also waiting to deal with the UK and many with free trade deals. You do not need to be an economist but those that are, are realising the financial advantage that are just waiting.

To me a NO DEAL is even better than a GOOD DEAL because leaving Europe will

allow us to trade with the world and without being controlled by the EU.

Mr Martin, I am sure that all remainers are not like you because you have no respect for the opinion of others and indeed attack them and insult their intelligence by your uneducated response to their letters.

It may be time to develop a backbone and realise we are in the financial war that Germany predicted they would win after they lost the Second World War. Whose side are you on? No prizes for guessing the answer to that one!

I am sure that no one takes your letters seriously and please keep writing them as they really do make me laugh out loud.

The UK needs to leave NOW and with no deal. I want to be British not governed by the Europeans.

**Keith Little  
Benfleet**

## New Project Fear steps up a gear

WELL, it didn't take long for Paul Martin (*YA Letters*, August 3) to resort to the usual remainder tactics of dishing out insults and more misinformation, but it is no more than one can expect from this group of people.

Those who insult and call people names for daring to have an opinion that differs to theirs, those who would totally disregard democracy

to gain their own way, those who castigate cabinet ministers who resign their positions in government to stand by their principles, yet admire others who act in a Judas-like manner to further their careers, probably with a view to a cushy ministerial position in a future government.

Mr Martin says I wilfully ignore facts, I do not, I only ignore his facts or misinformation, it depends on one's interpretation of those "facts".

Mr Martin needs to get his facts right regarding the persons he claims to have run away. They were not Brexiteers as he mistakenly believes, it was David Cameron and George Osborne, both remainers, that resigned and allowed Theresa May to become prime minister – a position she has used to do her best to further her remainder stance and sabotage Brexit.

After failing miserably with Project Fear 1 the remainers haven't learned a thing, they are engaging on Project Fear 2, only this time they seem to be on steroids with the most ridiculous scenarios imaginable.

So far we have planes not flying, ships not docking, troops on the streets to control rioting mobs, no jobs, no food, no medicine, no sandwiches, all this to contend with whilst

we are waiting to die from the plague of sexually transmitted diseases they tell us we will succumb to once Brexit is in place.

Tony Benn once said: "There are two ways in which people are controlled, first frighten them and then demoralize them, an educated, healthy and confident nation is harder to govern."

Mr Martin boasts over the EU's trade deal with Japan, but again fails to mention it's about the trade of Japanese motor vehicles and parts and EU wine and cheese, not much there for the UK economy to celebrate.

If the EU can do deals with Japan, Canada etc, why not the UK? Is it because they don't want to lose their cash cow?

In the meantime we have Mrs May and Dominic Raab grovelling to EU leaders, trying to curry favour in support of her so-called Chequers Agreement, whilst Brexiteer Liam Fox is in negotiations to join the CPTPP free trade area which encompasses Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam.

In the event of the Chequers Agreement being passed the Conservative Party will face the backlash from 17.4million very angry voters which will most certainly see them hammered in

the next general election.

We will then face the daunting prospect of not only being a vassal state of the EU but having comrade Corbyn as prime minister and Diane Abbott as home secretary.

It hardly bears thinking about.

**K. Knight  
Basildon**

## Remember your Local Plan questionnaire

JUST a reminder please that August 14 is the last day your Local Plan questionnaire will be accepted by the Castle Point Council Planning Department.

This 2018 plan is basically the 2016 plan with the green belt areas still incorporated some of which were turned down for development by the secretary of state and High Court judges.

Why were the green belt sites not taken out? Surely not the council's master plan.

You may have trouble accessing the site map link and the area identified as west of Benfleet is in fact Jotmans Farm and beyond. The link is <http://consult.castlepoint.gov.uk>: Your borough needs you.

**Mr T J Smith  
South Benfleet**

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## Moped gang on crime spree

POLICE are investigating after mopeds were used in three robberies and an attempted robbery across Leigh and Benfleet.

Officers received reports on Tuesday July 31, between 9.35pm and 10.20pm, that three suspects on two mopeds mounted pavements before grabbing items from victims, including handbags and mobile phones.

Three of the incidents took place in London Road, Leigh, and one in London Road, Benfleet.

In one instance, a woman had her handbag stolen after being knocked to the floor while a man was punched by suspects who tried grabbing his headphones in Benfleet.

Police also received reports that the mopeds involved were being ridden dangerously in London Road, Southend, before the robberies, and were seen on the wrong side of the road.

An Essex Police spokesman said the mopeds are reported to be black and all three suspects wore dark helmets.

One was wearing a grey tracksuit and another wore a dark tracksuit.

Police are appealing for anyone with information or dash cam footage to call Southend CID on 101 or go online by visiting [www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online](http://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online).

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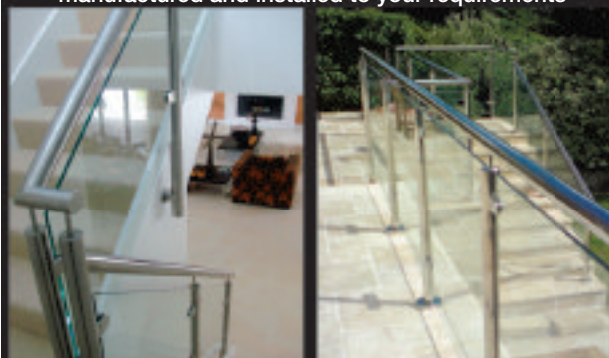
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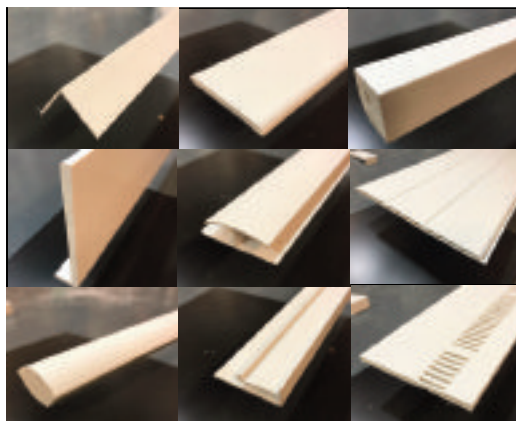


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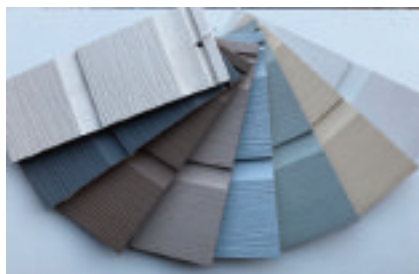


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## Songs for the asking

by Lewis Berrill

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**H**ELLO Southend, my old friend. I've come to dazzle you again. The Simon and Garfunkel Story, a theatrical exploration of the legendary folk duo, is coming to Southend's Palace Theatre on September 20.

Relive the counter-culture icons' story, 50 years since they recorded their first number one hit single *The Sound of Silence*.

The *Yellow Advertiser* spoke to writer, director and producer, Dean Elliot, in anticipation of the show visiting the Palace Theatre.

"The show started just over five years ago and at the time I thought it would last just a week or two and now we are travelling the world," he said. "We even played in Dunedin, New Zealand, which is the furthest city from London in the world."

"We have three productions, one that plays the West End, one focusing on touring the USA and another that tours the UK."

Dean explained the show "sits quite nicely between being a musical and a concert," the performance uses narration and video technology to "take people on a journey through history."

Dean's the main reason for creating the show, despite being a fan of Simon and Garfunkel, was that nobody was telling the story of their journey in a theatrical setting.

The show tells the story of

Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel from their humble beginnings as a rock 'n' roll duo, right through their massive success, dramatic break-up and finishing with a stunning recreation of the 1981 Central Park reunion concert.

The duo first met in elementary school in Queens, New York, in 1953. By 1957 they were performing original material under the band name Tom and Jerry.

In 1965 they achieved their mainstream breakthrough as Simon and Garfunkel with the release of *The Sound of Silence*, which

topped the Hot 100 and sold more than a million copies.

The duo, whose relationship was often rocky, broke up in 1970, the same year they released their final studio record, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*.

Simon and Garfunkel reunited several times, most famously in 1981 for a concert in Central Park attended by more than 500,000

people – the seventh largest concert in history.

Over the course of their career the duo won 10 Grammy Awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990.

Using a huge projection screen, the show features 1960s photos and film footage, while a full live band perform all the hits including *Mrs. Robinson*, *Cecilia*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, *Homeward Bound*, *Sound of Silence* and many more.

Tickets are available online at: <http://www.thesimonand-garfunkelstory.com>.

(L) Charles Blyth as Art Garfunkel and (R) Sam O'Hanlon as Paul Simon

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# Mind over matter

**THE DARKEST MINDS (12A, 104 mins)**

**A**DAPTED from the first instalment of a trilogy of young adult novels penned by Alexandra Bracken, *The Darkest Minds* conjures dystopian nightmares that will be achingly familiar to fans of *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent* series.

The live action debut of Kung Fu Panda director Jennifer Yuh Nelson is set in a bleak, futuristic America where the adult population has turned against child survivors of a deadly epidemic.

One brave girl emerges from the melee to follow her destiny as figurehead of a rebellion, inspiring others to rise up against brutal regimes, which exterminate what they do not understand.

Nelson's film is blessed with a moving central performance from Amandla Stenberg, who captures the vulnerability of an adolescent heroine, who experiences growing pangs under duress including the first stirrings of desire.

The closing image of the girl, raising her hand in defiance, is strikingly similar to Katniss Everdeen from *The Hunger Games* and Chad Hodge's script for *The Darkest Minds* neatly plots three points of a love triangle to

mirror the tug of war between Katniss, Peeta and Gale.

Nelson confidently executes all of the elements including some slickly choreographed action sequences, but every glossy frame is doused liberally with eau de *deja vu*.

A pathogen with the unwieldy name Idiopathic Adolescent Acute Neurodegeneration (IAAN) delivers a fatal blow to 98 per cent of the child population.

Survivors are blessed with potentially deadly powers.

US President Gray (Brad Whitford), whose son Clancy (Patrick Gibson) is among the afflicted, orders children to be forcibly removed

interest in the youngster.

The medic risks her life to smuggle Ruby out of the facility to join the fight against the government as part of the Children's League.

A shocking vision wrenches Ruby away from Cate and the teenager aligns herself with three young fugi-

tives - a Blue called Liam (Harris Dickinson), a Green called Chubs (Skylan Brooks) and a Yellow called Zu (Miya Cech) - who are searching for the fabled safe haven of East River.

*The Darkest Minds* is anchored by the luminous Stenberg, who catalyses simmering on-screen chemistry with Dickinson's strapping hunk.

Gwendoline Christie is squandered as a tenacious bounty hunter called Lady Jane, whose campaign of terror ends with disappointing ease in this opening chapter.

Hodge's screenplay sparks a potential sequel but it's hard to imagine that flame burning bright without the kindling wood of originality.

Released: August 6  
RATING: 6/10

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### Friday, August 10

- Preview – Downstairs at the rear of The RNA Club, 73-79 East Street, Prittlewell, Southend, SS2 6LQ. Pirates of the Lambs, 8.30pm to midnight. Life membership £1.
- Introduction to silk painting and porcelain painting – Royal Naval Association, 73-79 East Street, Southend, SS2 6LQ, 9.45am to noon. £6. No experience needed.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am-12pm, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10am-12pm, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2. 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
- Book Club – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am. 01268 465854.
- Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

### Saturday, August 11

- Rayleigh History Walk, from Rayleigh windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED, 3pm, £2. Details: 01268 775328.
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- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

### Sunday, August 12

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- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm, 01702 612509.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 07757 658799.
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### Monday, August 13

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### Tuesday, August 14

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(Makes one portion)

- 3 eggs, beaten
- Pinch of curry powder
- Sesame oil
- 1/4 carrot, cut into matchsticks
- 1/2 spring onion, cut into strips
- A few beansprouts
- Drizzle of soy sauce
- Salt and pepper

### Method:

1. Season the beaten eggs with salt, pepper and the curry powder.
2. Heat a splash of sesame oil in a frying pan, pour in the beaten eggs and fry for a few minutes until 80 per cent cooked, then add the carrot, spring onion and beansprouts to the middle, drizzle over a little sesame oil and soy sauce, then fold the omelette over the filling and continue to cook for another minute.
2. Remove from the heat and serve with another drizzle of soy sauce to finish.

• Miguel Barclay's Super Easy One Pound Meals by Miguel Barclay, photography by Dan Jones, is published by Headline Home, priced £16.99. Available now.



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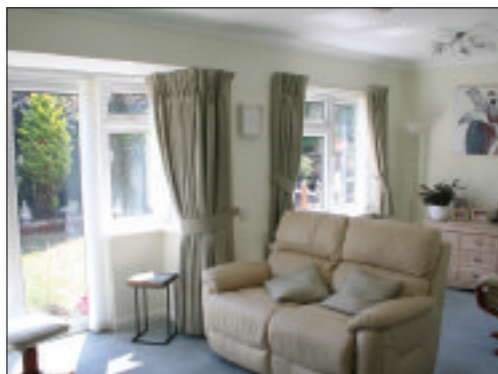
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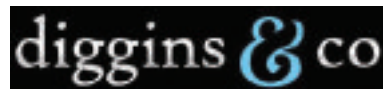
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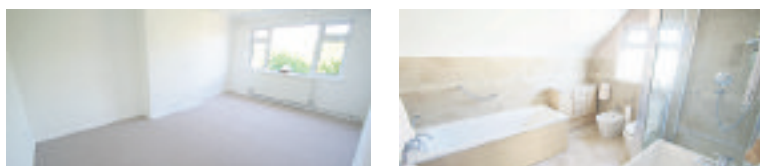
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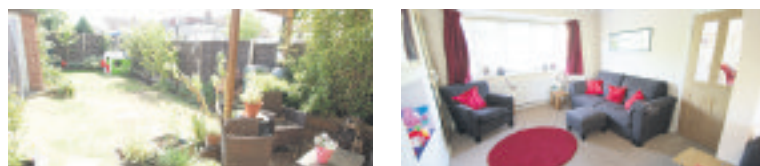
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## Neat upgrade for iconic Mazda MX-5

By David Whinyates

AN upgraded version of the iconic Mazda MX-5 is on the way with a more powerful engine, upgraded safety technologies and refinements in the cockpit.

But as far as styling is concerned, Mazda has adopted an "if-it-ain't-broke-don't-fix-it" ethos and the 2019 version of the car which won the World Car Design of the Year accolade on its debut will only be identifiable by new designs of alloy wheels.

The idea of the upgrade, says Mazda, is simply to enhance the driving experience "to ensure it's more exciting and engaging to drive than ever before".

At the forefront of what is basically a technical upgrade is a more powerful and higher-revving version of the Japanese maker's two-litre SKYACTIV-G engine.

Substantially redesigned with lighter pistons and con-rod, the engine also features revisions to the camshafts and exhaust valves, fuel injectors, throttle valve and air intake.

The end result is an increase from 160ps to 184ps and a heightened redline, which rises from 6,800 to



**BOOST:** The Mazda MX-5 now has a more powerful two-litre SKYACTIV-G engine

7,500rpm and with higher fuel pressure and more efficient combustion, there's an increase in torque across the rev range, while peak torque rises by 5Nm.

The more powerful new engine

shaves almost a second off the 0-62mph sprint time of the convertible which is now achieved in 6.5seconds, while manual and automatic RF models see a 0.6 and 0.5 second

increase, respectively.

Meanwhile, the smaller 1.5-litre SKYACTIV-G engine benefits from improved combustion and reduced internal friction to see a slight power

increase to 132ps and a moderate torque improvement to 152Nm.

The latest models will also come with telescopic steering adjustment and improved seat sliding operation and the level of standard-fit safety equipment has been boosted with Sport Nav+ cars and above now featuring front and rear smart city brake support, lane departure warning system, traffic sign recognition and driver attention alert, while a blind spot monitoring system with rear cross traffic alert, adaptive LED headlights and a reversing camera are standard on GT Sport Nav+ and optional as a safety pack on the Sport Nav+.

Starting from £18,995, the MX-5 convertible is offered in SE+, SE-L Nav+, Sport Nav+ and new GT Sport Nav+ trim, while from £22,595 the RF is available in SE-L Nav+, Sport Nav+, and GT Sport Nav+ with the higher two trims available with an automatic gearbox.

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#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

##### TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 16A (SPECIAL EVENTS) SOUTHEAST CARNIVAL EVENT 2018

##### (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, WAITING LOADING & UNLOADING ORDER & PARKING SUSPENSIONS & TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW – (VARIOUS ROADS SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA) TEMPORARY ORDER 2018

1. Southend-on-Sea Borough Council hereby gives notice that to allow for the SOUTHEAST CARNIVAL EVENT 2018 on 18th August 2018 and because of the likelihood of the danger to the public it made an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1991, the effect of which will temporarily prohibit entry into various roads as detailed in the schedules below

##### SCHEDULE 1 – Temporary Road Closures

Road	Duration of Closure
Lifstan Way – Northumberland Crescent to Eastern Esplanade	15.30 hrs to 21.00 hrs
Shaftesbury Avenue – Bryant Avenue to Plas Newydd	15.30 hrs to 21.00 hrs
Victoria Road – Shaftesbury Avenue to Eastern Esplanade	18.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs
Eastern Esplanade – Lifstan Way to Southchurch Avenue	18.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs
Southchurch Avenue – Woodgrange Drive to Eastern Esplanade	18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs
Marine Parade – in its entirety	18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs
Western Esplanade – Marine Parade to Shorefield Road	18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs
Western Esplanade – Shorefield Road to Grosvenor Road	18.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs
Shorefield Road – Palmeira Avenue to Western Esplanade	18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs
Pleasant Road – Marine Parade to Hartington Place	18.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs

##### SCHEDULE 2 – Temporary Closure of Parking Areas & Prohibition of Waiting, Loading & Unloading

Road	Duration of Closure
Fairheads Green Car Park 15 bays at western end of car park	16.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs
Western Esplanade Central Parking Area from lamp col. 61/62 to its eastern most point	06.30 hrs to 23.00 hrs
Western Esplanade – All Southern Carriageway bays between the Pier and Western Esplanade Central Area Car Park	16.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs
Western Esplanade – All On-Street bays between Grosvenor Road and Shorefield Road	16.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs
Western Esplanade – the Loading Bay between Marine Parade and The Pier	16.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs
Marine Parade – All Loading Bays, Limited Waiting Bays & Disabled Parking Bay	16.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs
Lifstan Way – From its junction with Northumberland Crescent to Greenways	14.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs

##### SCHEDULE 3 – Temporary Prohibition of Parking (Except Permit Holders)

Road	Duration of Closure
Eastern Esplanade – From 50m west of Victoria Road to Lifstan Way	08.00 hrs to 21.00 hrs

##### SCHEDULE 4 – Temporary Suspension of One-Way Traffic Flow

Temporarily suspend the ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW, in PLEASANT ROAD & ROYAL TERRACE thereby introducing a temporary TWO WAY TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN 16.00 HOURS AND 22.00 HOURS

2. Nothing in the Order will apply to any:
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3. The prohibition and restrictions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.
4. Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction imposed by the Notice may be issued with a penalty charge notice and removed.

A Lewis  
Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6ER

Dated: 8th August 2018

#### SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

##### (A127 VICTORIA AVENUE, SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING) ORDER 2018 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

Notice is hereby given that the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order to temporarily close that length of A127 Victoria Avenue, southbound from Cuckoo Corner roundabout to its junction with Priory Crescent.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 14th August 2018, 19.30 hrs – 23.00 hrs, for one night or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The alternative route will be via A127 Prince Avenue, Holeythick Lane, Prittlewell Chase, Fairfax Drive and vice versa.

Access for emergency vehicles, residents and pedestrians will be maintained where possible.

The Order will come into effect on 14th August 2018 19.30 hrs – 23.00 hrs for one night and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst repairs to a manhole in the carriageway take place.

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Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction/prohibition imposed by this Notice may be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice and removed under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

A Lewis  
Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Civic Centre Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6ER

Dated 7th August 2018

#### SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

##### (PRITTEWELL CHASE, WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ENTRY, WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING) ORDER 2018 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

Notice is hereby given that the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order to temporarily close that length of Prittlewell Chase, from its junction with A1158 Westbourne Grove to its junction with Cardigan Avenue and signed on site accordingly.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 16th August 2018, 20.30 hrs – 23.30 hrs or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The alternative route will be via A1158 Westbourne Grove, Fairfax Drive, Highfield Crescent, Highfield Gardens and vice versa.

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The Order will come into effect on 16th August 2018 20.30 hrs – 23.30 hrs for one night and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst a water box in the carriageway is broken out and replaced.

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## Football

by Brian Jeeves

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**Angers SCO 0 West Ham Utd 1**  
JAVIER Hernández ensured that West Ham United ended their Premier League preparations with another victory as the Mexican forward's first-half strike was enough to see off dogged French opponents, Angers SCO in Austria.

Hernandez made the most of Aaron Cresswell's toil, ghosting between two defenders before finishing, to hand the Hammers another morale-boosting win from a tough test in the humid Grogd conditions.

West Ham manager, Manuel Pellegrini, was once again satisfied with the workout – and indeed, with much of the pre-season programme. Speaking to whufc.com, the Chilean boss said: "A lot of players who played on Friday were also coming back from injuries like Felipe Anderson, Michail Antonio and Jack Wilshere, who played some good minutes and we are trying to manage their work. There were a lot of reasons why I thought

that was a good game.

"In every game, we have played in pre-season, I think we have improved a little bit more, except the game against Ipswich when we did not play with a high enough tempo. In all the other games, I think the team improved.

"We worked and changed to a different system against Angers and the players adapted without any problem, so I am happy with the pre-season. The players are happy, so it was a good pre-season.

"We worked hard, but now we must try to use this last week to see all the details and start the Premier League as best as we can."

West Ham United begin their Premier League season on Sunday, August 11 when they take on Liverpool at Anfield (1.30pm).

**West Ham:** Fabianski, Fredericks, Balbuena (Diop 46'), Ogborn, Cresswell (Masuaku 57'), Noble (capt), Wilshere (Rice 63'), Felipe Anderson (Martinez 57'), Antonio (Snodgrass), Arnautovic (Cullen 84'), Chicharito (Obiang 57')  
**Subs not used:** Trotter, Adrian, Zabaleta  
**Angers SCO:** Michel, Ait-Nouri, Andreu, Cisse (Thomas 62'), Pavlovic (capt), Pajot (Mancini 84'), Manzala, Bertrand (Tait 62'), Reine-Adelaide, El Melali, Kanga  
**Subs not used:** Butelle, Fulgini, Capelle, Santamaria, Manceau, Taipa  
**Referee:** Andreas Winkler



**WINNER: Javier Hernandez**

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## Second-half slip gets Blues off to a poor start

by Rowland Lyons at Roots Hall Stadium

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**Southend United 2  
Doncaster Rovers 3  
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IN a classic game of two halves, Southend endured a nightmare start to the new season on Saturday, as second-half strikes from John Marquis, Malik Wilks and Tommy Rowe ensured the points were going up the A1.

Late Tom Hopper and Theo Robinson strikes were scant consolation from an afternoon that initially promised so much.

Chris Powell's men enjoyed a rip-roaring opening spell as the south Yorkshiremen appeared to suffer on a sweltering afternoon.

But despite exerting intense, early pressure, the hosts had little to show for their industry, with Slovakian U-21 international keeper, Marko Marcel pulling off several stunning saves.

Having had a busy start to this clash, Marosi somehow deflected wide Ben Coker's free-kick, on 11 minutes, before doing well to get anything to Simon Cox's 19th minute drive, despite taking a wicked Andrew Butler deflection.

When Marosi was caught off his line, Michael Lightly was unable to convert on 24 minutes with Danny Andrew coming to his keeper's rescue. But Rovers hit back and

Alister Crawford came closest with a rising drive, on the stroke of half-time, before Cox again tested Marosi in stoppage time.

For all Southend's opening period pressure, the visitors failed to read the script and within six minutes of the restart, ex-Orient man, Marquis smartly brushed aside a Harry Lennon challenge and netted in the top corner, with Donny's first on-target effort.

Southend should have levelled soon after, but despite getting two bites of the cherry, new signing Hopper failed to convert, when well-placed.

Blues were then made to pay once again when Wilks, on the turn, netted with a smart effort, on 58 minutes.

Despite Theo Robinson replacing a tiring Cox, and seeing his 67th minute effort curl wide, Rowe added insult to injury with a daisy-cutter of a goal, to increase Powell's woes, with 20 minutes left.

Hopper finally broke the Blues' duck with a scrambled effort, 13 minutes from time, but wasted a great chance a minute later, shooting carelessly over from the edge of the box before sub Sam Barratt saw a close-range effort blocked.

Having taken 77 minutes to finally beat man-of-the-match Marosi, Robinson pulled another goal back, from Hopper's 86th minute pass to give the Blues hope.

Despite an eye-watering ten min-



**GOAL: Tom Hopper**

Photo: SUFC

utes' stoppage time, Southend were unable to take advantage though with Barratt going closest.

Rueing Southend's second-half implosion, Powell admitted: "We gave ourselves a mountain to climb, in that 15 to 20-minute second half period. But, the first-half performance warranted a goal, as we had six or seven shots on target."

He added: "Everyone is down and we don't want to start playing catch-up."

"But I have to give the lads credit. Being three-nil down seemed to galvanize them and the subs that came on did well – as we made full use of the 14-man squad."

He concluded: "We were much more like ourselves in that opening spell in the first period, as well as the final part of the second-half. But we made too many errors in that opening spell at the start of the second-half."

Victorious boss Grant McCann said: "Credit to the players for holding on to the lead – although I wasn't worried when we conceded our first goal.

"However, Southend is a hard place to come to, and win, and not many teams will score three goals here this season."

Debutant, Hopper, claimed: "We can take positives from today's match, but we didn't get the point we wanted. We've just got to put it to the back of our minds now and look forward to the next match at Plymouth Argyle this Saturday, (kick-off 3pm)."

**Southend United:** Mark Oxley, Jason Demetriou, Michael Turner, Harry Lennon, Ben Coker, Stephen McLaughlin (Sam Barratt 65'), Luke Hyam (Timothee Dieng 74'), Sam Mantom, Michael Lightly, Simon Cox (Theo Robinson 65'), Tom Hopper. Subs: Nathan Bisho, Elvis Bwomono, Michael Klass, John White.

**Doncaster Rovers:** Marko Marcel, Nial Mason, Joe Wright, Andrew Butler, Danny Andrew (Danny Amos 66'), Alister Crawford (Matthew Blair 76'), Ben Whiteman, Tommy Rowe (capt), James Coppinger (Alex Kiwomya 59'), John Marquis, Malik Wilks. Subs: Ian Lawlor, Tom Anderson, Herbie Kane, Alfie May.

**Referee:** Craig Hicks

**Assistant Referees:** Paul Yates, Nicholas Cooper

**Fourth Official:** George Byrne

**Attendance:** 7,147

## Non-league football

### Billericay blast four past Truro

JAKE Robinson ensured Billericay Town got their National League South campaign off to the best possible start by scoring all the goals in an emphatic 4-0 victory over Truro City in a match staged at Torquay United's Plainmoor ground.

Robinson found the net twice either side of the interval as the AGP Arena outfit sealed three points and proved why many have installed them amongst the favourites for a successful promotion push.

Elsewhere in the National South, Concord Rangers also picked up maximum points on the opening day, seeing off Gloucester City 2-0 at the Aspect Arena. Alex Wall bagged a brace for the Beach Boys, who played the second half with 10 men following the dismissal of Lee Minshull just before the break.

Chelmsford City played out a goalless draw with former Football League outfit Torquay United at the Melbourne Stadium. However, it proved to be a frustrating afternoon for East Thurrock United who went down to a stoppage-time penalty from Woking's Max Kretschmar at Rookery Hill.

In the National League's top flight, Leyton Orient came away from title favourites Salford City with a share of the spoils after Craig Clay's equaliser two minutes from time cancelled out Rory Gaffney's opener for the hosts.

Dagenham & Redbridge went down 1-0 at Borehamwood. Angelo Balanta hit the only goal of the game shortly after the interval, while the Daggers' misery was compounded when Ben Goodliffe was sent off against his former club in the final minute.

Braintree Town endured a tough start back in the top division as goals from Jonathan Edwards and Nathan Clarke eased FC Halifax Town to a 2-0 success at Cressing Road.

Takeley were the big winners of the day in the Essex Senior League, winning 5-1 at Stanway Rovers. Stuart Zanone hit a hat-trick for the winners while Mitchell Das and Bryn Thorpe also found the net.

Woodford Town were not far behind, beating Leyton Athletic 4-1, thanks to goals from Ola Ogunwamide (2), Chinua Phinn-Archer and Ethan Kessel to put down a marker of their own in a match played on Friday evening.

Stansted won 3-0 against Ilford at the Cricklefield Stadium. Carl Mullings bagged a brace for the Airportmen against his former side. Sam West completed the scoring.

Southend Manor were comfortable 2-0 winners over Enfield at the Southchurch Park Arena – Alfie Lindfield and Charlie Burns with the Seaside's goals, while Sawbridgeworth Town grabbed all three points from an entertaining contest at West Essex with the visitors eventually running out 3-2 winners.

Walthamstow and Hoddesdon Town played out an enthralling 2-2 draw at Wadham Lodge and there was a stalemate at the Oakside Stadium where Redbridge and Saffron Walden Town drew 1-1. There was no separating Hullbridge Sports and Barkingside, the pair producing a tense goalless encounter at Lower Road.

There were plenty of goals in the newly formed Eastern Senior League South, with Holland FC marking their debut with a 3-0 victory over Braintree Town's Reserves at their Eastcliff ground. Chris Ribchester, Jimmy Webb and Steve Eaton were all on target for Holland.

Little Oakley edged out Hashtag United 3-2, while Harwich & Parkeston and White Ensign thrilled a bumper crowd of almost 200 with a 3-3 draw at the Royal Oak ground. Jordan Heath, Nicky Palmer and Jake Richardson scored for the Shrimpers after Dominic Locke, Liam Sewell and John Hilliard had given Ensign a 3-1 advantage.



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